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Dated _____

28 August 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Affairs Staff

SUBJECT : Inquiry Concerning Loss Incurred in Sale
of Residence and Possibility for Reimbursement
Within Framework of Housing Allowance

1. The undersigned officer, shortly after his arrival 2 May 1962 at JMWAVE, contracted to purchase a house in the area on 6 May 1963, in view of the excessively high cost of renting a suitable residence for an indefinite period of occupancy. The undersigned was not aware at that time that a "housing allowance" was about to be authorized in order to assist employees in coping with these factors. Hence, in order to have monthly payments within his means, he purchased the house, closing 29 May 1962. Only three days later, on 1 June 1962, the "housing allowance" provisions were disclosed for the first time, but by then the undersigned and a very few other early arrivals at JMWAVE had unfortunately already purchased houses for the above reason. Had the undersigned been advised three weeks earlier of possible rental allowance provisions, he would not at the time of his reassignment, have incurred the expense cited below.

2. The undersigned is now being transferred on short notice from JMWAVE, effective 31 August 1963, after fifteen months occupancy of the above-mentioned residence. The quickness of this transfer has required that the undersigned obtain the services of a professional broker in selling the residence. The house is to be sold 30 August 1963 for \$24,600, of which the broker's commission must be paid of \$1,476.00 (Acquired equity in the house of \$302.95 somewhat offsets a loss of \$150.00 below purchase price, major appliances which were added and went with the house, and legal fees of \$170.00). Thus, \$1,476.00 is the main loss incurred as a result of the undersigned's indefinite assignment, inability to avail himself of the rental provisions announced 1 June 1962, and reassignment 31 August 1963

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3. I ask that appropriate reviewing authority consider the following means by which partial reimbursement for this loss could be made in the form of a "housing equalization payment" - that is, payment of the difference between the allowance I received as owner and the larger allowance I would have received if I had been able to rent my residence. If I had been renting my residence under the housing allowance provisions at the fair rental value of \$225.00 (which, according to Chief, Logistics, JMWAVE, would have been a rental figure that could have been approved by COS), I would have received a housing allowance during the fifteen month period of \$1804.08. However, as owner I received \$951.00 less than that, or \$853.08, based on monthly payments of only \$195.00. If justification is found in the circumstances cited above, I request an equalization payment of this \$951.00 difference, which would do much to offset the loss incurred.

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